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Introduced by Sens. HINCHEY, WALCZYK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to availability of ambulance services and advanced life support first response service to store and distribute blood and initiate and administer blood transfusions

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 3003-b of the public health law, as amended by chapter 61 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3003-b. Availability of ambulance service [~~that provides transportation by aircraft~~] and advanced life support first response service to store and distribute blood and initiate and administer blood transfusions. 1. An ambulance service or advanced life support first response service licensed under this article [~~that provides transportation by aircraft~~] may store and distribute human blood and blood products at all their facilities and qualified medical and health personnel, as defined in this article, operating within an ambulance service or advanced life support first response service licensed under this article, may initiate and administer human blood and blood product transfusions while providing [~~air transport~~] ambulance services or advanced life support care via an advanced life support mobile unit. As used in this section, "[~~air transport~~] ambulance services" means emergency medical care and the transportation of sick or injured persons by motor vehicle or aircraft to, from or between general hospitals or other health care facilities.

2. Notwithstanding title five of article five of this chapter, any ambulance service or advanced life support first response service licensed under this article [~~that provides transportation by aircraft~~]

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ~~and only for purposes of providing air transport services,~~] may store
2 and distribute human blood and blood products in accordance with stand-
3 ards for the storage of blood products of the United States Food and
4 Drug Administration and any rules, regulations, guidance or minimum
5 standards established pursuant to this section.

6 3. Prior to storing and distributing blood or allowing qualified
7 medical and health personnel to initiate and administer blood trans-
8 fusions under this section, the ambulance service or advanced life
9 support first response service shall ensure that it is in compliance
10 with the rules, regulations, guidance or minimum standards established
11 pursuant to this section and other applicable emergency medical service
12 requirements, and shall provide notification of intent to store and
13 distribute blood or allow qualified medical and health personnel to
14 initiate and administer blood transfusions as part of their [~~air trans-~~
15 ~~port~~] ambulance services or advanced life support care at least sixty
16 days prior to beginning such care.

17 4. The state emergency medical services council, with the approval of
18 the commissioner, shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate
19 the purposes of this section.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
21 have become a law.